

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMON COUNCIL  
IN ORGANIZATION SESSION

MONDAY, JANUARY 3, 1972

CITY OF FORT WAYNE, INDIANA  
Journal of the Proceedings  
of the Common Council

The Common Council of the City of Fort Wayne met in the Council Chambers Monday  
evening, January 3, A.D., 1972 in Organization Session. President John  
Nuckols in the chair, and Charles W. Westerman, Clerk, at the desk, present  
the following members 9 viz:  
Burns ✓, Hinga ✓, Kruse ✓, Nuckols ✓, Moses ✓,  
Donald Schmidt ✓, Vivian Schmidt ✓, Steir ✓, Talarico ✓.  
Absent 0: Councilman \_\_\_\_\_.

The invocation was given by Edwin A. Neger.

~~Received report from the City Controller for the month of \_\_\_\_\_, 197\_\_\_\_\_.~~

~~Motion made and carried that report be made a matter of record and placed on file.~~

~~The minutes of the last regular \_\_\_\_\_, 197\_\_\_\_\_ session having been  
delivered to the Council, were, on motion, approved as published.~~

CALL, CONSENT AND WAIVER OF NOTICE OF A SPECIAL  
MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
FORT WAYNE, INDIANA, TO BE HELD MONDAY, JANUARY  
3, 1972, at 7:30 o'clock P.M., E.S.T.

We, the undersigned, being all of the members of the  
Common Council of the City of Fort Wayne, Indiana, do hereby  
call a special meeting of said Council to be held on Monday,  
January 3, 1972, at 7:30 o'clock P.M., E.S.T. and jointly and  
severally waive notice of the time, place and purpose of said  
meeting and consent that same be held on the aforesaid date for  
the purpose of considering and acting upon the organization of  
said Council for the year 1972 as required by law.

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| <u>Samuel Talarico</u>   | <u>Eugene Kraus</u>    |
| <u>Wm. M. Moser Jr.</u>  | <u>Ed. J. Lucas</u>    |
| <u>Vivian A. Schmidt</u> | <u>William T. Fuga</u> |
| <u>Q. J. Schmidt</u>     | <u>Jimmy Stue</u>      |
| <u>John Nichols</u>      | <u>Daphne Stue</u>     |

Dated this 3rd day of January, 1972.

Charles W. Whetstone

City Clerk

Made a matter of record 1-3, 1972

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Some years ago, a resolution was said to have been introduced at a town council meeting. Its provisions were these:

1. That our town build a new jail.
2. That our town build the new jail from the materials of the old jail.
3. That our town continue to use the old jail until the new jail is built.

If any one group has heard that kind of resolution before, it is the councilmen of America.

In the 1960's Americans embraced the cause of reaching the moon. In the 1970's we must embrace a cause of equal vision, perhaps of even greater challenge--the cause of reaching each other.

Nowhere is that cause more urgent than in and around our cities. For if we fail to provide the public services people need in our city, if we allow worn and dilapidated neighborhoods to go unredeemed, if we stand passively by while the city breeds crime and deprivation and despair, then we will become two societies--the suburban affluent and the urban poor, each fearful and suspicious of the other, each bitter and hostile toward the other.

It is true, of course, that the people are interested in change, but they are interested in the kind of change that can be brought about through the democratic process and in no other way.

When we speak about change, we are speaking of change that is compatible with the American way of life...We are speaking about change that can, will, and must be made within the framework of our present political system. But, yes, let it be clear that we are speaking about change...for the better in a constructive and positive way. What may have been adequate to serve the needs of the City, ten, five or even one year ago, is not adequate to serve the needs of today which are obviously quite different.

I think the bulk of the people in the city of Fort Wayne, both Black and White, want clean, honest and decent government for the city. And I think that they want a direct, frontal, hard-hitting attack on the problems of crime, adequate schools, slum clearance, good streets and other utilities, and good employment opportunity. The welfare and growth of this whole community, Black and White, depends upon finding the solution of these problems. This Council must share part of that responsibility.

When we make things right for all the people, there is no limit to the benefits we can bring to Fort Wayne, and to all of Allen County. And in our present circumstances, we have the opportunity to bring benefits to the whole of this state. Do not permit yourselves to become the servants of standpatism. This is a God-given opportunity to become builders of the future, instead of guardians of a barren past, and we must not waste it.

We think of the environment as air and water and natural resources, which it is and which we must conserve and improve. But a healthy environment for man is also something else. It is a tenement house free of rats--- It is a neighborhood free of deprivation and decay---It is a city street free of fear.

I believe no matter how long it may take or how much money, we must not lose sight of the ultimate goal--where we have a city of lively promise, of beauty, of spaciousness, where men and women are truly free to determine how they will live.

The freedom to escape to the suburbs is not a real choice. People will live in the cities if they are places which bring out the best in man and not the worst. People will live in cities if they are places of confidence and not of uncertainty.

This much is certain, the goal of urban revival in 1972 must be our goal as a nation. The goal of providing a more hopeful life in our city, and a more tolerable environment for our people must be our goal as City Councilmen.

There is no other choice. Let us be able to say by the end of our term that we recognized the choice and acted upon it. Let us be able to say with a sense of achievement and continuing purpose what Thomas Wolfe once said:

"To every man his chance--to every man, regardless of his birth, his shining, golden opportunity--to every man the right to live, to work, to be himself, and to become whatever thing his manhood and his vision can combine to make him--this..is the promise of America."

All of us will ultimately be forced to decide for or against the city's glory or decay, because we are inescapably a part of it.

<sup>Mr C W Westerman,</sup>  
The newly elected and <sup>in</sup>unaugurated City Clerk, announced the regular order of business would be the election of officers for the ensuing year to serve the Fort Wayne City Council.

Mr. Westerman called for nominations from the floor for the office of Council President.

Councilman Burns placed the <sup>name</sup> name of Councilman Nichols in Burns nomination for the office of President. Nomination was seconded by Councilman Hinga. Councilman Hinga moved the nominations be closed; seconded by Councilman Stier. Motion unanimously carried. The City Clerk moved that a unanimous ballot be cast for Councilman Nichols for President of the Council for the ensuing year.

The City Clerk then handed the gavel to the newly elected City Council President.

Councilman Hinga then placed the name of Councilman Sam Talves in nomination for Vice-President. Nomination was seconded by Councilman \_\_\_\_\_. Councilman Mayer moved nomination be closed; seconded by Councilman Hinga. Motion unanimously carried. Thereupon Councilman Nichols moved that the clerk cast a unanimous ballot for Councilman Talves as Vice-President. Motion was unanimously carried.

Councilman Bran then placed the name of Councilman V. Schmidt in nomination for Council Representative to the City Plan Commission, seconded by Councilman Talves. in nomination for Council Representative to the City Plan Commission, seconded by Councilman Nichols. motion inanimately carried.

Councilman Hinga placed the name of Councilman Talves in nomination for Council Representative to the Jphnny Appleseed Commission. Nomination was Seconded by Councilman V. Schmidt. Motion unanimously carried.

V Schmidt closed nomi - 2nd by Bran

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Stein. Motion unanimously carried. ~~Councilman~~ <sup>Thereupon, Councilman Hing</sup> The City Clerk moved that ~~the~~

<sup>city clerk cast</sup> a unanimous ballot for Councilman Nichols for President of the Council for the ensuing year. ~~seconded by Councilman Burns~~.

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Councilman T then placed the name of Councilman H. in nomination for Vice-President. Nomination was seconded by Councilman \_\_\_\_\_.

Councilman M moved nomination be closed; seconded by Councilman H..

Motion unanimously carried. Thereupon Councilman N moved that the clerk cast a unanimous ballot for Councilman T as Vice-President. Motion was unanimously carried.

Councilman V. S. Kraus then placed the name of Councilman V. S. in nomination for Council Representative to the City Plan Commission. ~~Councilman~~

~~asked that his name be removed from the nominations. Councilman~~ placed

~~the name of Councilman~~ in nomination for Council Representative

to the City Plan Commission, seconded by Councilman Talaris, Motion unanimously carried. <sup>clerk ordered to cast unanimous ballot</sup>

Councilman H. placed the name of Councilman T in nomination for Council Representative to the Johnny Appleseed Commission. Nomination was seconded by Councilman K. Motion unanimously carried.

<sup>clerk V. S. and K.</sup>

clerk cast an ballot.

Councilman V. Schmidt placed the name of Councilman D. Schmidt in nomination for Council Representative on the Three Rivers Coordinating Council.

Councilman V. Schmidt placed the name of Councilman Alan Schmidt in nomination for Three Rivers Environmental Control Representative. Nomination was seconded by Councilman Hunga. Motion unanimously carried.

Councilman Moss placed the name of Councilman Sher in nomination for Council Representative to the Metropolitan Human Relations Commission.

Nominations seconded by Councilman \_\_\_\_\_. motion unanimously carried.

Krause moved closed



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correspondence - for reading.

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Councilman V.S. placed the name of Councilman D.S. in nomination for Council Representative on the Three Rivers Coordinating Council.

Councilman H. seconded the motion. <sup>M and H closed.</sup> Motion unanimously carried.

Councilman \_\_\_\_\_ placed <sup>K-H.</sup> the name of Councilman \_\_\_\_\_ in nomination for Three Rivers Environmental Control Representative. Nomination was seconded by Councilman \_\_\_\_\_. Motion unanimously carried.

Councilman M placed the name of Councilman Stew in nomination for Council Representative to the Metropolitan Human Relations Commission.  
Nominations seconded by Councilman \_\_\_\_\_. Motion unanimously carried.

*closed K and H.*

The Council then adjourned.

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that I am the duly elected, acting and incumbent City Clerk of the City of Fort Wayne, Indiana and as such the custodian of the records of the Common Council of said city and that the above and foregoing is the true, full and complete record of the proceedings of the Common Council of the City of Fort Wayne, Indiana for its Organizational Session, held on Monday, the 3rd day of January, 1972; that the ~~numbered ordinances and resolutions shown therein were duly adopted by said Common Council on said date and were presented by me to the Mayor of the City of Fort Wayne and were signed and approved or disapproved by said Mayor as and on the dates shown as to each such ordinance and resolution respectively; and that all such records, proceedings, ordinances and resolutions remain on file and record in my office.~~

WITNESS my hand and the official seal of the City of Fort Wayne, Indiana, this 3rd day of January, 1972.

~~Thad C. Bonahon~~ Charles W. Westerman  
City Clerk

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